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PORCING THE ISSUE.

The exclusive and authentic announcement in THE WORLD this morning that Representative MILLS, of Texas, will be appointed Chairman of the Ways and Means Committoo, shows that Speaker Cantroon is determined to force the issue made by the President.

Mr. Muls is a tariff reformer who business."

He has no patience with the trimmers' polley of always promising and never performing. With sound convictions and the full courage of them, he still has the sense and tact to know that the business of statesmanship is to get the best practicable good when the best possible good cannot be attained.

The selection of Mr. MILLS as the leader of the Democrats in the House means that the policy of the party is to be tariff reform.

NO OBSTRUCTION.

It is the duty of Speaker CARLISLE to see that the will of the great majority of the Democrats in the House shall not this year be thwarted by any obstructions within the

Mr. RANDALL is a very useful man at the head of the Appropriations Committee. No silly notion of "degrading" or "punishing" him has ever been entertained in any quarter that is entitled to respect.

But the interests of the country and of the party are superior to those of any man. Either Mr. RANDALL should agree not to interpose the appropriation bills to prevent a consideration of tax reduction or the rules should be so amended as to give the House control of its business.

Obstruction must not block the wheels.

REECHER'S EMPTY SHOES.

The Rev. CHARLES A. BERRY, of Wolverhampton, England, has done a sensible thing in declining the call from Plymouth Church. The call was an ill-advised one. Its acceptance would have been a serious mistake.

HENRY WARD BEECHER was nothing if not intensely American. He was a patriot of patriots. The spirit of Americanism pervaded his every thought and utterance. In the nature of things it would be impossible for any foreigner, however talented, to follow in his footsteps and carry on his great work in its original spirit.

BEECHER's big shoes are still empty. They never will be filled by anybody. But there are certainly other Americans who can work in the lines he laid down. If not, rather than import an Englishman, let somebody read Beecher's old sermons every Sunday. There is lots of vitality in them yet.

LABOR'S REAL POR.

Mr. COURTLANDY PALMER is quite right in holding that \$365 the average annual income of workingmen in this country, does not represent a fair return for the toil of the wealth producers.

But he is wrong in attributing this unjust state of affairs entirely to competition. That is rapidly becoming an obsolete factor in the business world. It is the combination of capital rather than competition that holds wages down and puts prices up.

Fair play in an open field gives the work ingman at least a chance to secure his deserts. Monopoly slams the door of advancement in his face.

THE SANGUINE MITKIEWICK.

MITTERWICZ still insists that he has captured China, and presents some interesting documents to prove it. It is notable, how ever, that these documents are mostly correspondence, and that the copy of the muchtalked-of contract is merely referred to and not exhibited.

From a careful perusal of these letters it is ewite apparent, even if it has not dawned upon the sanguine MITKIEWICK, that the really shrewd game in this matter is being played by Lr Huno Chang, the Chinese Prime Minister. His " concessions " consist chiefly of his willingness to use big amounts of American money without assuming much onsibility for its repayment.

The guileless Meranawicz should bear in

mind the extraordinary operations of Buer Harre's Heathen Chines in the game "he did not understand."

SHIPS AND FORTS.

A high-tariff surplus-squanderer says that if this year's appropriations come anywhere near the total asked by the departments, they ought to pay for something of permanent value and real necessity-ships

and forts, for example." The estimates ask for \$50,000,000 more than would be the case if there were not the

temptation of "an overflowing Treasury." The experience of the past does not hold much encouragement to getting "something of permanent value" from expenditure for

ships and forts." Hundreds of millions have been spent for ships and guns since the close of the war, and yet we have no effective war vessels or

ordnance. Nothing becomes obsolete so quickly as a war ship, unless it be a fort. To greatly increase the present rate of expenditure would be to throw the money

way. Stop the surplus! A SOOTHING RETROSPECT.

Ex-Congressional Clown Honn, of Mich. igan, has been making the Boston Republicans laugh. He did it by saying that he can take solid comfort when he cannot sleep at night in thinking over what we have done for the country."

For a certain type of Republicans, no doubt the retrospect is pleasing, as a sample of what they hope for in the future. The Credit Mobilier, the naval contracts, the land grabbing, the Star Route plunder. the Treasury supplies " perquisites," the Indian trading post plums, and all the fat pickings and stealings of a party long in power, are well calculated to give satisfaction to the Horrs, Dorseys, Belevaps and Rongsons of the G. O. P.

But their retrospect is more soothing than their prospect.

SUICIDING POR LOVE.

Of all the abourd actions to which men are prone, that of killing one's self because deprived of one woman is surely the most pre-

It may be highly romantic and desperate to die for love, but it can be done only onceand what is the gain?

To furnish a "story" for the reporter, job" for the Coroner and shame and grief to friends is surely not a high ambition. With the world full of lovable and loving women, why should a man "his quietu make" for one of them?

It is too much like jumping into the sea be cause you lose one fish from your hook.

THE HIPPODROME SLUGGERS.

If prize-fighting is disreputable in itself what can be said of hippodrome prize-fighting? Every well-informed sporting man knows that the latter is the sort of unmanly art that has characterized recent ring con tests.

When there are subsidized referees and gang of plug-uglies ready to interrupt the proceedings, if their favorite is weakening. the prize ring sinks to an even lower plane than its wont. The CARNEY-MOAULIPPE fiasco is a case directly in point, and the proposed DEMPSEY-REAGAN fisticuffs looks like

With these methods the sluggers will suppress themselves. The hippodrome will knock out" the prize ring.

Seven people were injured vesterday by falling column in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. And there are two score churches in this vicinity liable to be burned preciation. at any time on account of defective heating apparatus. Is no one responsible for the safety of the houses of worship?

In the death of Mrs. JOHN JACOB ASTOR, momentarily expected by her physicians, New York will lose one of her noblest women. Mrs. Aston's name has for years been the synonym of most liberal and well-directed charity.

The shut-down of the Joliet Rolling Mills is of course attributed by the war-tariff organs to the President's Message. But what shut down more than half the mills in the country in 1882, and kept them closed for years?

One of the preachers said yesterday that women fool with dudes, but admire strong men." Some of the dudes are well up in muscle, and the combination seems to be popular with the sex.

The Lehigh coal miners, who earn from 60 to 90 cents a day, must be greatly impressed by Mr. BLAINE's concern lest they be compelled to accept the " pauper wages' of England.

At a prayer-meeting in the Globe Theatre in Boston last night over five hundred Harvard students were present. There was evidently some misunderstanding about the programme.

The pretty girls who are paying their tribute to Master Hormann in kisses should remember that genius sometimes shows as much precocity in the tender passion as in its

this time with \$10,000. The line between confidential employees and confidence mer seems to be very indistinctly drawn. The coming cold wave will meet with a

Another confidential clerk has walked off-

warm reception both literally and figu-By the way, isn't there a law of this State to prevent as well as to punish prize-fight

ing? There is still a great opening for an exper Cabinet-maker in France.

Irving Hall has the old complaint: "Dead but not sinsible of it."

WCRLDLINGS.

A Hartford coin collector has a cent piece of the United States cotnage of 1799, which is considered

to be worth nearly \$500. The Detroit Journal says that there are men in Michigan so mean and despicable that "their souls would rattle around in a flea's ear like a pea in a bass drum.

Mrs. Millard Truex, of Weatherly, Mo., cave birth to three bouncing boys last week, their combined weight being eighteen pounds. Ten months ago she presented her husband with twins,

John Edman, an Ohio man, proposes to start a daily newspaper in the Finnish language at Ishpeming, Mich., Jan. 1. It will be the only daily in that language published in the United States.

A farmer of Saline County, Ill., lost a calf a long time ago, and recently, in draining a piece of swamp land on his farm, he discovered the animal's body lying under water and completely pet

in Wisconsin, brought down with a shotgun a magnificent specimen of the American eagle. The epormous bird measured nine feet from tip to tip of the wings. An Eigin, Ill., man preserves a clipping from

Virginia newspaper of only thirty years ago in which an account is given of the sentence of a woman to two years' imprisonment for teaching a Margaret W. Leighton writes to the Steles Cross that her favorite pet is a lovely little grass snake of a milky-green color, which is so tame and cute that

house at will until an ophiciophobic member of the family began to object. At Calera, Ala., a citizen saw a hawk swoop fown on a snake and attempt to fly away with it As the bawk mounted upward, the snake colled self around the bird and crushed one of its wings. Then hawk and snake together fell to the ground

accustomed to let it roam around the

and the Calera man killed them. Dave Johnson and Dawlin Sassinet, of Elizabeth City, N. C., had a grudge against Albin Satchwell, a neighbor, and, arming themselves, they went out to meet him. Encountering him on the street, they drew a line in the mud across the road and dared him to step over it. Satchwell walked coolly

on over the line and was shot down in his tracks. Jabez Hurd, a hermit near Clinton, had not changed his clothing or taken a bath for years until the health authorities descended upon his filthy hut the other day for the purpose of cleaning i Once inside the door they laid hands on Jabez stripped him of his clothes, gave him a thorough scrubbing at the pump and dressed him in a new suit. His brother threatens to sue the authoritie for malicious trespass.

A Peoria, Ill., girl who went to a ball the other evening wearing a pair of new shoes, soon found herself in such agony that she went to the dressingroom between dances and took them off. She had hardly removed the shoes before her feet puffed up to such an astonishing size as to make it impos sible to put the shoes on again. No others being obtainable, she was forced to pass the remainder of the evening without dancing, and eventually to go ome in her stocking feet.

AROUND THE THEATRES.

Tony Pastor's Theatre has a very enjoyable lis of attractions for this week.

"One Million Dollars" is the tempting title of the play to be produced at Poole's Theatre to-"Conrad the Coreatr" is at the Bijon Opera-

House. It will be the go there for some time to "She" begins its third week at Niblo's to-night. Haggard's work, dramatized by Gillette, draws

olg audiences. Erdelyi Naczi and his Hungarian opera are at the Eden Musée. There are plenty of other entertain-

"Under the Lash" is the play which will appeal o east-side audiences to-night at H. R. Jac Third Avenue Theatre.

"The Wife," at the Lyceum Theatre, is as popdar as ever. It is a good play capitally acted, so it is not surprising that it draws so well. "Elaine" has made a great success at the

Madison Square Theatre. The audiences during the week have been large and demonstrative. Mr. Palmer announces that Sidney Woollett will give a series of six afternoon poetic recitals at the

Madison Square Theatre in January and February. "Pete," at flarrigan's, is just what the patrons of that popular theatre want to see. Mr. Harrigan has a band of admirers with large powers of ap-

Dockstader's Minstrels will to-night present a burlesque called "Josef Hofmann's Sister." Frank Howard will sing a new song called "Only a Blue Bell. "

" A Role in the Ground " a " funny comedy satire," will be at the Fifth Avenue Theatre tonight, to remain there a week. Mr. Manafield will succeed Mr. Royt's play next week.

Denman Thompson's last two weeks at the Fourteenth Street Theatre begin to-night. There is still time to see " The Old Homestead "-if the person who has not seen it at least once exists. "Madelon" is doing nicely at the Casino. I

will be there for a few weeks longer and then "Erminie," of which the public never seems to weary, will come to re-establish its former sway. Mrs. Langtry will be at the Grand Opera-House to-night, playing for the first time in a cheap theatre. "As in a Looking-Glass" will be produced with the same scenery that was used at the

Fifth Avenue Theatre. " Forget-Me-Not" is a wonderfully strong play, and with Mr. Abbey's company as interpreters i is well worth seeing. It will be succeeded at Wallack's by Mme. Selina Dolaro's play, "In the Fashion," which is already in rehearsal.

"The Humming Bird" has been such a succes in the country this season that the Salsbury Troubadours have concluded to postpone their pro-posed tour of the world. They will appear at the Windsor Theatre in this city on Easter Monday.

Pretty little Miss Julia Marlowe will be at the Star Theatre to-night, in "Romeo and Juliet," with Joseph Haworth as Romeo, Miss Mariowe will play Parthenia in "Ingomar" to-morrow night, and Viola in "Twelfth Night" on Wednesday.

"The Arabian Nights " will enter upon its last week at the Academy of Music to-night. It has been well attended during the past week. At the close of this engagement the house will be closed for a week to prepare for the advent of Booth and

Mr. Abbey appounces still two more concerts to be given by little Josef Hofmann at the Metropolitan Opera-House. These will take place Tuesday evening and Thursday afternoon. The members of the company engaged to support Gerster will again participate.

The hundredth performance of Messrs, Robson and Crane in "The Henrietta," at the Union Square Theatre, will take place on Dec. 31. Souvenirs will be presented. "The Henrietta" will undoubtedly run until Easter. Next Thursday a political theatre party of seventy-five, headed by George H. Forster, President of the Board of Aldermen, will see it.

The Nerve of a Drummer.

"Do you think you have nerve enough to be reporter !" saked the managing editor of an ap-"I think so, sir."

MATILDA AND YOUNG MANGOLD.

The Druggist's Daughter Held on a Charge

of Abandoning Her Child. The police at Headquarters were puzzled this morning by the case of Matilda Hebberling and her babe. Inspector Steers had

Miss Hebberling repeat her story to him. She said she had been betrayed by William George Mangold, a son of Prof. George Mangold, of the Normal College, and formerly a cierk in her father's drug-store at 709 Seventh avenue. At her father's death-bed young Mangold, she said, promised the dying man that he would marry Matilda. She declared that Mangold was the father of her two children.

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Last week, when baby No. 2 was only three weeks old, Mrs. Hebberling and her daughter were turned out of the Vanderbilt House, at Forty-second street and Lexington avenue, for failure to pay board.

Miss Hebberling sought a foundling asylum, but her maternal love rebelled sgainst the rules of the institution that she must give up her child forever, and she carried the infant to Mangold's home, 236 East Eighteenth street, deposited it on a sofa in the parlor and said:

"I have one of the children, you must care for the other one."

On Sunday a policeman was called to re-

On Sunday a policeman was called to re-move the infant. The Mangolds told him that it had been left in the vestibule. The infant was turned over to the kindly care of Matron Webb, at Police Headquarters, where later in the day it was joined by its frantic mother. The case went to court and the Justice declined to interfere, owing to the conflicting stories told by young Mangold

and the woman.

Inspector Steers decided to arraign Matilda n a charge of abandoning her infant. When he heard this decision she tearfully re-'Indeed I didn't abandon my baby. I

merely left it for its father to support."
"Well," said the kind-hearted proprietor.
"the Judge must listen to your story now, "the Judge must listen to your story now, and an agent of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children will be in court and the case will be disposed of on its merits."

The Mangolds, father and son, deny the girl's story, claim that it is a case of persecution, that the father of the child is a man named Brady, and that there are letters in existence written by Matilda and signed "Mrs. Brady."

JERRY HARTIGAN'S FUNERAL.

Big Crowd Expected to Attend It at 10 O'Clock To-Morrow.

funeral of Jerry Hartigan will take lace to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church, Duane street and City Hall place. A requiem mass is to be celebrated, after which the remains will be taken to Calvary Cemetery for interment.

The funeral promises to be one of the largest that has ever been held in the lower part of the city. Jerry Hartigan was univer-sally known in the Fourth and Sixth Wards, and was extremely popular. Although stead-fast in his political and factions allegiance, he did not make enemies. His political op onents are among those who sincerely regret

There are hundreds of poor families in the Fourth and Sixth wards who will miss him. Although brought up in the whirl and meshes of the lower stratum of politics, he possensed a gentle demeanor and never lost his temper unless the provocation was very great. He always held that he shot and killed Bernard Friel twenty years ago in self-defense. The killing of Friel, however, preyed upon Harti-gan and he seldom referred to that election

day tracedy.

The body of Jerry Hartigan is lying in state to-day at the house of his sister, Mrs. John O'Leary, at 22 City Hall place. Crowds John O'Leary, at 22 City Hall place are calling of personal and political friends are calling to pay a tribute of respect to his memory. It is expected that his funeral to-morrow will be attended by fully 5,000 people. There will probably be a corner in carriages below

The floral offerings are to be on an The floral otherings are to be on an each sive scale, and poor Jerry Hartigan will be laid at rest amidst the sorrow and tears of a great multitude of friends. The pall-bearers re to be selected this evening.

KILLED BY ELECTRICITY.

A Horse Touches a Telephone Wire Staten Island and Drops Dead.

A singular accident resulting in the death of a horse belonging to C. F. Gaellis, a cracker dealer, at Mariners' Harbor, S. I., occurred this morning at 4.30 o'clock. Mr. Gaellis sends his wagon, with a double team to this city early every Monday morning. While his driver, Christian Klengel, was passing in front or near the residence of Dr. W. C. Walsh at Port Richmond, S. I., one of

phone wires broke, and, falling across the electric light wire, became charged with electricity, and when the horse was en-tangled, the circuit to the ground was complete. Hence the accident.

Sharp Not Likely to Last the Winter. Dr. H. T. Loomis paid his accustomed visit to Jacob Sharp this morning, and found him in much the same condition as last week. Sharp's malady -valvular disease of the heart-is one that is liable to take him off at any moment, and according to the opinions of his physicians, one that will probably cause his demise before the winter ends. Sharp is scarcely able to move about his apartments, and most of his time is spent in bed or in a recliming chair.

Did Not Die But Kept On Stealing Horses. A brother of Mitchell Stone arrived in Whit Plains yesterday from Spencer, Mass., and fully identified the noted horsethief now in jail there. The brother's name is Joseph Stone and he said that he supposed that Mitchell was dead. Three years ago he heard that Mitchell had been killed in Michigan, but this was not true. Mitchell was engaged in a raid on farmers' horses in that State and was chased and snot at, but he got away.

From Out of Town. Isaiah Poller, ex-Superintendent of Dannemora Prison, is stopping at the Gilsey. I. C. Abbott, Mayor of Montreal, and the Misses Abbott, are staying at the St. James. Henry W. Hobson, Colorado's Attorney-General, has registered at the Hoffman House.

J. R. Swinerton, an old New York hotel proprietor, now of Newport News, is at the Oriental. Major P. A. Vroom, U. S. A., and Capt. S. A. Mason are among the latest arrivals at the Grand, Staying at the Union Square are J. Logan Chip-man, M. C., from Micaigan, and A. Haliet, of

E. C. Hancock, who presides over the Adams Express interests at Wassington, is registered at the St. James. Wm. C. MacBrides, a prominent journalist, of Washington, and J. W. Manafield, U. S. A., are booked at the Sunrievant. J. Arthur Beebe and E. Pierson Beebe, two cal-dents of Beacon Hill, are now enjoying the com-forts of Hotel Brunswick.

Among the arrivals at the Brevoort tre J. M. Courtney, Canada's Deputy Minister of Finance, and J. C. MacEwen, of London. M. R. Jenisch, attaché of the German Legation at Washington, wrote his name in Gern an script on the Albemarle's register this morning. Thomas Lowry, banker and capitalist, of Minne-apolis, and C. P. Atwood, a well-known ratiroad man, of Louisville, are quartered at the Vistoria.

With others at the Fifth Avenue are E. C. Hux-ley, of Boston; W. P. Tate, of England; Wilham J. Florence, the actor, just returned from a four months' four, and ex-Senator Powell Clayton, of Among the guests of the St. James are L. G. Richards, of Toledo; W. P. Wetherell, a St. Louis railroad man; A. A. Newbery, a Washington Territory capitalist; Henry O. Simpson, of Boston, and John W. Norton, the well-known theatre manager of St. Louis.

OPPOSED BY THE OLD ROADS.

THE ELECTRIC RAILWAY FIGHTING HARD AGAINST HEAVY ODDS.

It Agrees to Pay 35 Per Cent. of Its Gree Earnings to the City for a Franchise, Thereby Setting an Unwelcome Example for Other Roads to Follow-The Bleecker Street Line Refuses to Negotiate.

The North and East River Railway Com pany is to operate in Fulton and West streets, connecting the Fulton ferry-house with the ferry at the foot of Chambers street. North River.

The cars, twenty in number, are now standing in the shops of the Brills, the Philadelphia car builders. Each car is supplied with an electric motor, which is attached to the axle and operates in conjunction with an electric current which is concealed in a conduit six inches wide and about as deep lying midway between the tracks. The cars are of

midway between the tracks. The cars are of ordinary size.

The electric engines which will generate the motive power will be located in a building in Burling slip. The cars will make trips a minute apart. The company has contracted to pay to the city 35 per cent. of the gross earnings of the road.

The other railway companies operating under franchises from the city pay 3 or 5 per cent of their earnings to the city, except Jacob Sharp's Broadway road, which agreed precipitately, after the people were aroused in 1884, to pay \$40.000 a year rental in addition to the percentage.

tion to the percentage.

The promoters of the Fulton street road expected to have it in operation ere this, but Gen. Newton's order obliged the company to

stop work, which necessitated the tearing up of Fulton street, on Dec. 1, to resume March Under the law, when any duly franchised Under the law, when any duly franchised road desires to run its cars over another company's track, it may obtain the right to do so by applying to a court for the appoint ment of a commission to settle the amount of money that it must pay to that road, provided the section of the track to be used is not longer than 1,000 feet.

If it must operate on a section of another's track longer than 1,000 feet, it can do so only by coming to anagreement with the old company whose lines it would use.

There are four roads whose track the Fulton street road must use. The new road

ton street road must use. The new road must run on the single track of the Bleecker street line from Fulton ferry to William street. That is something over one thousand feet. The officers of the new road have been entirely unable to negotiate with Bleecker street company.

There is no legal manner in which they can

compel this company to come to some agree-ment, except through an act of the Legislament, except through an act of the Legislature.

The track of the Dry Dock line must be used for 800 feet from St. Paul's Church west in Fulton street. The electric cars must run over 200 feet of the track of the Ninth avenue line in Fulton street, from Greenwich to Washington street, and then there is a piece of the Belt Line track in West street, from Fulton to Chambers street, to be used.

Commissions will arrange between the new company and these three latter named companies, but the Bleecker street line seems to be an insurmountable obstacle to its progress just now.

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The Bleecker street line stops on the west side of South street. The new line will cross that street and drop its passengers in the ferry-house. This is one reason why there is no special welcome to the new comer from the old stager. There is a greater grievance, however, against the new comer, which is common to all the old companies in the city. The Cantor bill, now a law, provides that every street railway shall pay a specific part of its earnings to the city as bonus for the privilege of using its streets. The highest percentage paid under the bill is 5 per cent., but if the Legislature can force them to pay this amount it can force them to pay any reasonable amount, and if the North and East River road is permitted to complete its line, one of the effects will be to teach the city that the roads which have been operating for years and pocketing enormous dividends on watered stock are enough to be a contracted.

for years and pocketing enormous dividends on watered stock are amply able to and should in all justice pay larger percentages for their monopolies, for the new road will pay 30 per cent, more than any of them.

For this reason the old roads have done all

For this reason the old roads have done all in their power to prevent the new company from completing its line, and will succeed unless the Legislature comes to its rescue with a bill providing for an adjustment of differences between roads similarly situated. The promoters of the new road hope for this relief, which may be reached in various indirect ways, and confidently expect to be ready for operations early next spring. They have been obliged to lay their tracks on Satready for operations early next spring. They have been obliged to lay their tracks on Sat-

W. C. Walsh at Port Richmond, S. I., one of the horses became entangled in a telephone wire which was dangling in the street, being broken, and in a twinkling the horse, valued at \$250, was dead.

Policeman Finan, who was near by attempted to remove the horse from the middle of the street to the gutter, when he received a severe electric shock which knocked him senseless. He soon recovered. Some time during the night one of the telephone wires broke, and, falling across the Detectives Leary and Thompson, of the Seventh preciact, arrested John R. Dacey, age thirty-one years, as the perpetrator of mayhem. Dacey went through Water street Saturday night bragging that he could whip the best of them.

West got into a fight with him and threw him to

West got into a fight with him and threw him to the ground. Dacey, it is said 'deliberately pushed West's head down and bit off his lip. Dacey is the terror of Water and neighboring streets. Some time ago he stabbed his mother, and since then has been imprisoned for a year for assaulting a policeman. Calidren and women in the neighbor-hood are afraid of him. Justice Duffey, in the Essex Market Police Court this morning, held Dacey in \$3,900 ball for trial.

Named the Walf After Mrs. Cleveland. girl baby, not two weeks old, lay in a basket in the girl baby, not two weeks old, lay in a basket in the Seventeenth District Station-House yesterday. It was a little outcast that Officer Black had found in a bleak alley near Thirteenth and Tasker streets. A dozen big-hearted policemen got out of their beds to look at the baby stranger when Officer Black brought her in, and held a conference over the selection of an appropriate name. There was a lively contest until Officer Black named her Frances Folsom Cleveland, and then the boys gallactly and spontaneously indersed it. Patrol wagon No. 6 carried little Frances to the Almshouse.

Carpet Weavers Make Merry. Lyric Hall presented one of the gayest scenes on Saturday night last that was ever noted within its saturally night has that was ever noted within its walls. The occasion was the annual entertainment and oal of the Carpet Weavers' Union, of which John Morrison is the head. Sourse and recitations preceded the general feativities. Noteworthy features of the programme were the recital of the "Battle Cry of Labor," by John Lord, and the specialty acts of the Rooney Broth-rs, song and cance men. Several young ladies, members of the union, added greatly to the entertainment by singing. More than six hundred persons were present, including prominent labor leaders of this city and Brooklyn.

Frederick Boning has been employed for a cor siderable time as a watchman on pier No. 41 Saterane time as a watchman on pier No. 4: Sast River. Just before midnight leat night he got skylarking with Jeremiah Manors, of the Baltic, from Troy, and as a joke ne drew his revolver and pointed it at Maners to scare him Maners began wrestling with Boning and the weapon went off and, instead of wounding Maners, tore open Boning's left hand. The wound was dressed by an ambulance surgeon. Maners was arrested. daners was arrested.

Elks Holding Their Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks assembled at 11 A. M. to-day at Clarendon Hall. W. E. English, Exalted Grand Ruier, presided. A. C. Moriand acted as Grand Secretary. About 250 delegates, representing 69 lodges, are present. It was decided to hold the meeting of the lodge here next year.

Musicians to Meet on Friday. The entire result of the recent election of officers

of the Musical Mutual Protective Union is not known except to the canvassers of the bailots, who will report next Fridss. The old Board of Directors will meet on Thursday to wind up the business of the year now closing.

FREMONT COLE VERY CHIPPER.

Claiming that He Will Have Five More Votes in the Caucus Than He Needs Assemblyman Fremont Cole, of Schuyler

County, who is a candidate for Speaker of the Assembly of 1888, is still at the Fifth Avenue He was sitting on a sofa in the lobby of the

hotel this morning when seen by a reporter of THE WORLD. Mr. Cole reiterated his statement that he had the written and verbal pledges of forty-three members elect to vote for him which would give him five more votes than he would need in the caucus. "Besides," said Mr. Cole, "there are at least eight other Assemblymen who will vote

for me in preference to Gen. Husted, and there are about ten members who are on the 'I really do not believe that Gen. Husted

Assemblyman Ainsworth, who is likewise ambitious of wielding the gavel, is also in the city. He claims that he has a chance of being elected as a compromise candidate. Mr. Cole's friends say that Mr. Ainsworth cannot muster up five votes and hint that his tent is a side show of the Husted fight.

Ex-Senator Miller and the other leaders of the old anti-Platt faction of the G. O. P. are not showing their hands as opposed to Cole. Mr. Miller says he is taking no interest in the contest. Many of his old allies are warmly esponsing the cause of Cole.

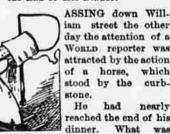
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Ex-Senator Platt said last evening that there was no doubt of Mr. Cole's election' He quietly intimated his belief that Mr. Cole's name would be the only one presented to the Republican caucus.

EQUINE BASEBALL.

Played by a Horse that Had Nearly Reached the End of His Dinner.



ASSING down Will. iam street the other day the attention of a World reporter was attracted by the action of a horse, which stood by the curbstone. He reached the end of his

left was in the bottom of an unusually long nose-bag. But the horse was not going to let those few oats go to waste or be diverted to agricultural uses. Oh, no! He tossed his head back so as to give the

He tossed his head back so as to give the bag a fling in the air. The oats fell down and the horse caught them " on the fly."
His mouth wasn't large enough to catch all, and some fell through and powdered his eyes with stray oats and dust. The old fellow blinked through his powder and gave another vicious toss as the bag began to pan out more slowly. He shut his eyes as he opened his mouth. He had sense enough to know that distributing oats in his sight-machine would not pacify his hunger.

It was a comical sight, especially as the animal between whiles looked at the reporter with a very quizzical air, as if he would say: "You're a funny fellow to stop and look at a horse eat his dinner."

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Then he flicked the nose-bag up again and shock it around in the air to rattle down the few lonesome oats that stuck to the sides.

Altogether, he was a level-headed brute and won't get left in midsummer.

EX-SPEAKER HITCHMAN'S TROUBLES.

THE DEMPSEY-REAGAN FIGHT.

and a shrewd politician.

It Will be Fought in a Room Under Marqui of Queensberry Rules. The Dempsey and Reagan affair missed fire again last night. The referee had planned the affair most carefully and only a dozer people gained the tip, but a dense fog pre-vented the streamer from reaching her pier, and the fighters, who came in coaches to the selected spot, had to go back to their training

quarters.

The backers of the men will meet in the Police Gazette office to morrow and the mill will be fought off in a room this week. Queensberry rules will govern, as the London prize ring rules require turf. Two trial have proved the impossibility of having the battle fought on the grass.

Robbed by Young Highwaymen. William Mooney, age sixteen years, who lives at 259 Market street, Hoboken, came over to this city yesterday to visit the sisters in Trinity Hospital,

Powell's Bedy Brought Home.

The body of young Henry J. Powell, the Har vard student who committed suicide on the night of Dec. 4 by taking poison in his room in Holworthy Hall, on the College Campus at Camworthy han, on the college campus at Cambridge, was brought to this city yesterday and was received at the home of his parents, 334 West Fifty-eighth street, last night. The funeral will take place on Wednesday. No cause for the young man's act has yet been learned.

Changes in the Custom-House. Collector Magone to-day ordered the removal for neglect of duty James A. Roberts, John M. McCoy, Herman T. Holm and Thomas F. Shanley, who are night inspectors in the Castom-House at \$3 a day. He also appointed as watchmen at \$500 a year, Edward Schwindet, of Brooklyn, and Joseph K. Heath, et New York.

Ran Off with the Boarders' Clothing. Thomas Jackson, who was employed in the private boarding-house of Mrs. Mary Hogan at 112 Lexington avenue, ran away from the house with a lot of the boarders' clothing. He was arrested. He was arraigned in Jefferson Market Police Court this morning. A number of the boarders present in court. Jackson was held for trial.

Improving Staten Island Property. A party of 200 laborers, this morning, con nenced work on Ward's Hill, Stapleton, one of menced work on ward's Hill, Stapleton, one of the highest points on Staten Island, grading, ter-racing and laying out serpentine roads. It is understood that the work is being cone under the direction of a syndicate composed of capitalisis of this city.

THE STRAINING MARRIAGE

DID JUDGE GILDERSLEEVE COMMIT MISDEMEANOR?

The Law as Laid Down by an Expert-Magistrates Not Permitted to Selemnize Marringes When the Girl is Under Six teen-The Indictment of a Judge Urged for an Alleged Defiance of the Law.

In the Court of General Sessions on Fri. day last John Straining was brought to the bar under an indictment for felony in hav. ing "led astray" a girl under the age of consent-sixteen. Straining pleaded guilty. but declared that they were lovers and anxious to marry, whereupon Judge Gilder. sleeve adjourned the court and performed the marriage ceremony in the District-Attorney's office, Col. Fellows acting as witness and best man. The "happy pair" then left on their bridal tour. The Revised Statutes have for many years

included this among other sections of articl 1, title 1, part 2, chapter 8.

SEC. 12. Every ministerfor magistrate who shall solemnize a marriage where either of the parties within his know-edge shall be under the age of legal consent, shall be deemed guilty of a MISDEMEANON, punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, at the discretion of the court by which he shall be

SEC. 2. The age of legal consent for contracting marriage shall be eigateen years in the case of males and stateen in case of females. (As amended Feb. 21, 1887).

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The age of the bride in this case, Mary Sullivan, is fifteen years, her sixteenth birthday coming in April next, it is said.

A marriage and divorce expert, having been questioned by a reporter of The World in regard to this marriage, said;

"The lawful age at which a girl may marry is twelve. The lawful age at which she may consent to a marriage is sixteen. Her parents may consent for her between twelve and sixteen, and sell her to her husband; but the law insists that such marriages shall be proclama-

teen, and sell her to her husband; but the law insists that such marriages shall be proclama-tion only. A marriage by ceremony before the girl is old enough to give consent is a misdemeanor. This marriage should have been by proclamation. The parents con-sented for the girl, and not the slightest ob-jection existed to the marriage, only to Judge Gildersleeve solemnizing it. Section 12 does not live or restrict marriages. not limit or restrict marriages. It regulate the action of magistrates—that, and tha

the action of magistrates—that, and that only.

"That Judge Gildersleeve, for whom I have the highest respect and esteem, committed a misdemeanor for which he be indicted by the Grand Jury and brought before his own court for trial, if the story published in the papers be true, there is no doubt. The law is plain and imperative. It is not a technical offense, but a violation of the express words of the statute. He knew the girl was within the age of consent, for the man was under indictment for that reason. If she had not been, the case could not have come before him. There was no reason why he should solemnize it. A marriage by proclamation would have been equally valid, and the statute was passed to prevent him from doing what he did do, and for no other reason. for no other reason.

"It was certainly a judicial defiance of law which emphasizes most clearly what my Anarchist friends truthfully maintain, that there is no law for the official—the man in

office; that he is above and beyond the law, which is intended merely as an instrument by which he may oppress and tyrannize over by which he may oppress and tyrannize over the citizen. A policeman, for instance, when in good standing, they say, is above and be-yond all law.

"Prove that my words are false if you can. It is easy enough to prove me a liar if I am not speaking words of truth and soberness.

EX-SPEAKER HITCHMAN'S TROUBLES.

Committed for Examination as to His Sanity
Again, Being Oace Discharged.

Ex-Speaker William Hitchman, whose commitment to Bellevue as an insane person not long ago and his subsequent discharge, were attended with some mystery, wandered into the East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Street Police Station about 1 a. M. to-day and talked very strangely.

The Sergeant decided to keep him all night and his friends were notified.

They appeared in the Harlem Police Court this morning and wanted him committed to the Mount Hope Asylum in Baltimore.

Justice White, in view of Mr. Kitchman's discharge from Bellevue as cured, had doubts whether he could commit him or not. He compromised by sending him to the Commissioners of Charities and Correction for examination as to his sanity.

The friends and relatives who had gathered in court were rather cast down at this decision. The old man was led down stairs to the prison.

Hitchman was a prominent man in his day and a shrewd politician.

It is easy enough to prove me a liar if I am not speaking words of truth and soberness. Got to every magistrate in New York one by one and apply for a warrant for the arrest of Henry A. Gildersleeve for a misdemeanor. Not one will grant it. Ask a policeman to arrest, him, if you dare. You know the policeman is likely as not to club you if you are an honest citizen, and the magistrate to sentence you to six months on the island for interfering with an officer on duty.

"It is the Associate District-Attorney of the second highest criminal trial court in the State, the witness is the Associate District-Attorney; recently elected court, who is in a few days to be the District-Attorney, recently elected in new through the present District-Attorney, recently elected to be proplemant to the sense of this war dance on the statutes is the office of the Public Prosecutor.

There was no legal objection to those two people marrying. The law simply ordered that it should be by proclamation and should not be by ceremony. It

signing his name to the marriage contract.
He did what the law forbade him to do and
makes it a misdemeanor for him to do.
Why?
"Until Feb. 21, 1887, the age of civil consent was fourteen. It may be that Judge Gildersleeve, Mr. Martine, Col. Fellows and the other distinguished lawyers present were ignorant of the law; but ignorance of the

forbid him from witnessing the marriage a

ignorant of the law; but ignorance of the law does not excuse.

"Last summer an Alderman was 'summoned' for solemnizing the marriage of an Italian girl under sixteen, and all the papers had long accounts of the case. He was not arrested. He was not fined or imprisoned, you will remember. He was merely admonsished, as he had a big 'pull.'

When questioned by a World reporter, Judge Gildersleeve said:

"Yes, I knew of that provision of the law, but there is another provision of the code which makes the age of a person, when raised as a question, a question of fact for the

raised as a question, a question of fact for the Court to decide. The person may be brought into court

Policeman Schramer, of the Twelfth Precinct yesterday morning, attempted to dispe se a crow which had collected at the corner of Hester and Norfolk street. Several of the men relused to move and Frederick Lester twenty-six years old, of in Hester street, attempted to strike the police-man with an ice axe.

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He was prevented from doing so by Policemaa Thomeson, who was attracted by the noise. Lester was straigned, together with Daniel Cohen, of 35 Essex street, who attempted to beat the policeman with his fist, in the Essex Market Police Courthis morning and held in \$500 ball each for trial. Obituary Notes.

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Augustus P. Hann, cashler of the First National Bank of Washington, N. J., died yesterday of typhoid fever. He was thirty-one years of age and the son of Jadge Hann.

Edward Meure. aged forty-six years, a life-long resident of Stapleton, S. L. died at his home it is morning. He was a successful merchant and was a large real estate owner. He was a member of the Tompkinsville Fire Police and the Staten shand Quartet Club.

Philip Embury, one of the oldest resident of Orange, died yesterday at the bome of his neph. Peter A. Embury, on Northfield avenue, Well-known New York firm of Embury age and unmarried. Up to six months ago illed it New York. His nephew is a member the well-known New York firm of Embury Palmer, furniture decorators. Many years ago hid considerable writing for magazines.

Ex-Judge John Greenwood died at his home, I Remsen street. Brooklyn, yesterday at the avanced age of eighty-nine years. He came to his York from Providence, R. L., in 1814, when entered the law office of Aaron Burr. He remove to Brooklyn in 1828. He was the first Judge of City Court of Brooklyn when it was organized the Court of Common Piess, and an Examiner Chancery and a Supreme Court Commission.

"The person may be brought into cours for inspection, or a medical examination may be made, and the Court's decision is final so far as the proceedings are concerned.

"This Sullivan girl was a big. plump woman, weighing 150 or 160 pounds. She was eighteen years old in my judgment, and my judgment, in the absence of a jury, was final.

"The judgment of the Court is better than her own testimeny, which was all we had, where he had been an inmate. He started to go home at 5 o'clock, and white passing West and Morton streets, going to the ferry, he was attacked by lour boys, who pashed him against the wait. One boy held him by the throat while two held his hands and the other pulled his \$300 watch from his vest pocket.

Policeman Flood caught John Slik, aged ten years, of 609 Greenwich street. In the Jefferson Market Police Court this morning Mooney said that it was a bigger boy than Slik who stole the watch. Slik was discharged.

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Tried to Chop Down a Policeman.

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